

SPEAKER: Bill advances, next bill is 945

CLERK: Read LB945.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Senator Cavanaugh will take the amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The amendment s basically substitute the bill they were redrafted to satisfy the bonding attorneys and the bond houses. This bill calls for the construction of a state office building in Omaha and it calls for an appropriation not to exceed 8 million dollars. The building would be funded to the letting of bonds by the city of Omaha and in similar matter to the financial arrangement entered into to construct state office building in Lincoln. There would be no appropriation for the current year, and the appropriation would begin in 74-75 as the bill is currently drafted it would be \$900,000 a year to retire the bond. It would allow the city and the state to enter into a lease arrangement whereby the state would lease the facilities

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from the city of Omaha and we would let the bonds until the bonds have been retired and then the facility would revert back to the state. The state could also sublease and enter into subleases with other governmental subdivisions. The I move the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I would prefer to wait and talk on the bill as a whole.

SPEAKER: Senator R. Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Cavanaugh some questions please. I'm not at all familiar with this now, as I look over this chart that you presented and laid on our desk, are we dividing the offices of state government and part of them will be officed there and part in Lincoln?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: NO Senator Lewis, that is not the intent. The size of the building I don't think would lend itself to that kind of an arrangement and that is not the desire. The desire is that Omaha and the greater metropolitan area can change...or contains one-third of the states population and the state offers a great deal of services which currently are not offered in the city of Omaha and the city of Omaha must commute to Lincoln very often to transact business with numerous state agencies and it would benefit both the state and the people of the city of Omaha if there were contact offices in large measures, that is what a good number of the offices relate to a placing of offices in Omaha that presently do not transact business in Omaha and therefore forcing the citizens